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SUBJECT: RTG CROP SUBSTITUTION/HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

REF: (A) STATE 019199; (B) BANGKOK 34346

1. ONCB HAS APPROACHED, INDIVIDUALLY, IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES, PUBLIC WELFARE, FORESTRY AND AGRICULTURE EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS WITH PROPOSED OPERATIONAL PLAN DESCRIBED REF (B). WE ARE UNOFFICIALLY INFORMED THAT ABOVE AGENCIES' REACTION TO CONCEPT GENERALLY FAVORABLE AND FOLLOW-UP JOINT MEETING WILL BE CONVENED SHORTLY.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING RTG'S RECENT EMPHASIS ON CROP SUBSTITUTION IT IS YET UNCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT ONCB WILL DIRECT ACTIONS OF QUASI-INDEPENDENT RTG DEPARTMENTS. FURTHERMORE, DISCUSSIONS AS TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR CROP SUBSTITUTION STILL GOING ON IN RTG WITH FINAL ROLE OF ONCB NOT YET DEFINED.

3. IN ANY EVENT, AS WAS EMPHASIZED PER REF (B) ONCB ROLE LIKELY TO BE POLICY DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF CROP SUBSTITUTION EFFORTS WITH LIMITED RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. PROPOSED CONCEPT ENVISAGES SEPARATE AGENCY PLANS BEING MERGED UNDER ONCB INTO SINGLE, CONSOLIDATED APPROACH WITH EACH DEPARTMENT RETAINING OPERATIONAL AUTHORITY WITHIN ITS FUNCTIONAL AREA.

4. WE ARE AWAITING OUTCOME OF THESE INITIAL JOINT DISCUSSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ONCB AND OTHER AGENCIES TO PIN DOWN THE

NEED FOR SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM US. AT THIS POINT
WE DO NOT YET HAVE A FORMAL RTG REQUEST. WE CONSIDER BOTH
MICKELWAITE AND ROTH OF DAI GOOD CANDIDATES BUT PREFER MICKELWAITE
IN EVENT RTG CONFIRMS NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WILL
KEEP DEPARTMENT AND AID/W INFORMED.
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